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WWSC'S 70th Commencement (See Story Page 2)
COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES

Bachelor's degrees awarded to 637 seniors at Western marked the end of spring quarter, 1969, and the close of another academic year. Master's degrees were awarded to 47 graduate students.

Approximately 760, including some who earned degrees during other quarters of the year, participated in commencement exercises held Friday, June 13, in Carver Gymnasium. The commencement address was given by Dr. Lewis B. Mayhew, professor of education at Stanford University.

Following the ceremony, faculty and graduates dropped student body cards into a container to be sealed beneath the sidewalk in Western's traditional "Memory Walk" ceremony. President Charles J. Flora and faculty members held a reception for graduates, their families and guests in the Viking Union.

Twelve students graduated Magna Cum Laude (with a grade point average of 3.75 or above), 32 graduated Cum Laude (with a 3.5 grade point average). Two seniors graduated with honors, having met all requirements of Western's honors program, including preparation of a senior thesis.

In all, some 1,215 students will have received bachelor's degrees during the academic year extending from fall quarter, 1968, through summer quarter, 1969. About 175 graduate students will receive master's degrees during the same period. These figures are approximately 10 per cent higher than figures for a comparable period a year ago.

MASTER'S SHORTCUT

Among those graduating from Western this June is a young man who is somewhat different from his fellow students. Not only is Alan Adolphson 18 years old, but he is completing most of the requirements for his master's degree in mathematics.

A 1967 graduate of Bellingham High School, Alan took 60 hours of math in high school, using college texts and study guides, and took classes at Western that were credited towards his high school diploma.

Upon entering Western, many of his college requirements were waived as a result of his high scores on equivalency exams. Outside of his major, his interests lie in chemistry and philosophy. While in high school, he played string bass in the Northwest Cascades Youth Symphony Orchestra.

In the case of such an accelerated student, the math department felt that a bachelor's degree meant the attainment of a certain level of proficiency, not merely the collection of a prescribed number of credits. Therefore, Alan will be entering Princeton in the fall to begin work on his doctorate. He expects to finish in three years. Princeton will pay his tuition and fees plus a stipend of $1,800 per year as part of his fellowship grant.

According to Dr. John Reay of Western's math department, Alan's career is largely a product of the "... enlightened program at Bellingham High School." Indeed, while at Western Alan had the experience of teaching calculus to his former high school classmates. He plans to make a career of teaching at the university level.

HAWAIIAN FLIGHT INQUIRIES

The Alumni Office has had some inquiries by persons who would like to find a traveling companion for the Hawaiian flight. If you would like to go but do not have anybody with whom you could share a room, you might contact the Alumni Office. We will try to find someone in a similar situation. Single occupancy rooms add $50 to the cost of the trip, and you might find a new friend as well as save some money.

NOTA BENE

When you send in news for class notes, please check to see that you have included the following information:

☐ Year of graduation or year last attended Western
☐ Maiden name
☐ If spouse is a Western graduate, his/her graduation year
☐ Dates of marriages, children's names and birth dates if you would like to have that information included
☐ Full title of grants, awards, honors; full name of companies, schools, corporations, positions
FACULTY MEMBERS RETIRE

Four Western faculty members retired in June. They were Dr. Edwin Clapp, Miss Mildred Herrick, Mrs. Florence Kirkpatrick and Dr. Arthur Hicks. All have been granted emeritus status by the Board of Trustees.

Dr. Clapp, professor of English, has been a faculty member at Western since 1960. He served at the University of Utah from 1932 until 1960 and was English department chairman there from 1952.

Miss Herrick, associate professor of library science, came to Western in 1945 from Swarthmore College where she was assistant librarian.

Mrs. Kirkpatrick was named nursing education instructor in 1945. She was named assistant professor of biology in 1949 and associate professor in 1953. She served as social director and hygiene instructor, her first appointment at Western, from 1925 until 1931 when she was named dean of women. She held the latter post until 1941, when she retired. She was re-employed in 1945 as a nursing instructor with no rank.

Dr. Hicks, professor of English, was chairman of the English department for 30 years, from 1933, when he arrived at Western, until 1962. He was acting registrar from 1943 to 1945.

HUXLEY DEAN NAMED

Dr. Gene W. Miller, professor of botany and director of the Center for Pollution Research at Utah State University, has been named dean of the new environmental sciences cluster college planned at Western. The appointment, approved by the WWSC board of trustees, will be effective September 1, 1969.

Tentatively known as Huxley College, the new satellite of WWSC will be devoted to upper-division and graduate-level interdisciplinary study of man and his environment.

Born in Pleasant Grove, Utah, in 1925, Dr. Miller received bachelor of science and master of science degrees in soil chemistry at Utah State University. He earned the Ph.D. in plant biochemistry at North Carolina State University in 1957.

Dr. Miller was named acting head of the botany department at Utah State University in 1965. His activities have included extensive work with students preparing for master’s and doctor’s degrees. From June, 1967, until March, 1968, he served as acting dean of the college of science at USU.

He plans to move to Bellingham soon with his wife and five children.
LUMMI SCHOLARSHIP

A scholarship program for students of Lummi Indian heritage has been established at Western with a grant from The Mobil Foundation, Inc., which is supported by Mobil Oil Corporation. The Foundation has allocated $10,000 to provide four years of study at the college for five Lummi Indian students, according to O. C. Johnson, manager of Mobil’s Ferndale Refinery which is located next to the Lummi Reservation.

Annual renewable scholarships of $500 will be awarded over an eight-year period, 1969-1976. “With the first Mobil Lummi scholarship student starting at WWSC this fall, the fifth student will be graduated with the Class of 1977,” Johnson said. “We asked the college to set up this program on a staggered basis to provide an incentive for the younger Lummi students who presently are in the lower grades.”

The $500 annual scholarship is intended to cover tuition, books and some incidental expenses.

Dr. Charles J. Flora, president of Western, said the college was pleased to cooperate with Mobil on the Lummi Indian scholarship program. “This is a fine opportunity for the college to do something significant for these very fine people, the Lummi Indians.”

The Mobil Lummi scholarship recipients will be selected by a committee composed of Mrs. Francine Titus of the college’s financial aids office; Richard Stone, Ferndale High School; Lyle Buss, Bellingham High School; Jack Francis, Sehome High School, Bellingham; and Dr. Robert Keller, assistant professor of history at the college.

According to Vernon Lane, head of the Lummi Indian Tribal Council, the Mobil scholarship at WWSC will stimulate an interest in younger Lummi students to acquire a higher education, the need for which has increased greatly during the past several years. “They need evidence of community interest and assistance like this to overcome some of the difficulties of getting more education,” Lane said.

Johnson said the Lummi Indian scholarship is a natural one for Mobil. “Over the years we have enjoyed a good relationship with our next door neighbors on the reservation. Of the four Indians presently employed at the refinery, three are Lummis living on the reservation.”

VIKING UNION ADDITION

An additional six stories to the Viking Union building are now being used by Western students. The new portion extends from the rear of the old building, which was built in 1959, down to Garden Street and provides 25,000 additional feet of floor space.

The new facility contains a large self-service coffee shop, a 24-hour coffee den, an art gallery, a music room, student government offices, an a la carte cafeteria, a barbershop, a bank, a smoke shop and workrooms. The scale of the rooms is such that each provides a size in between the large VU lounge and the small meeting rooms of the older portion.

Like many buildings on Western’s campus, the new addition provides a sweeping view of the city and harbor of Bellingham.

ROLL CALL

'40 Dora G. Hunt is working as a lab technician in the Department of Vegetable Crops, University of California at Davis. She is also doing work with an electron microscope.

'50 Dr. Melvin Lindbloom, president of Green River Community College in Auburn, was one of 21 men in Washington to receive a distinguished citizenship honor roll award from the State of Washington American Legion. He is also state chairman of the education committee for the Legion . . . Neil M. Johnston (M.Ed., '56) is a research analyst with the State Department of Public Assistance in Olympia . . . John J. Pill of Potlatch recently received an M.Ed. degree from Washington State University in Pullman.

'51 The Rev. Charles D. Messinger, associate minister of the First Presbyterian Church in Walla Walla,
has accepted appointment to a position as chaplain of Hastings College, Hastings, Neb., a Presbyterian-related institution . . . William C. Murphy received an M.Ed. degree this June from Washington State University.

'53 John A. Shulene received an M.A. in science education from Colorado State College, Greeley, Colorado. He was on sabbatical leave from the Puyallup schools this past year to complete the degree and will return this fall to Puyallup. He will begin work on the Ed.D. program this summer. Peggy Shulene (Margaret E. Ralph, '54) taught for five years in Ferndale and Puyallup, but now their three children, aged 9, 7 and 3, keep her busy.

'54 Mr. and Mrs. Arthur L. Hoisington (Carolyn J. Dobbins) both received degrees in June from Washington State University. She received an M.Ed. degree, and he received the Ed.D. The title of his thesis was “An Experimental Investigation of a Linguistic Approach to Vocabulary Development Which Emphasizes Structural Analysis: Prefixes, Suffixes and Root Words.”

'56 The Rev. George S. Dahlquist, S.J., was ordained a priest of the Catholic Church on June 14 in Seattle. He is completing studies at Alma College, Jesuit school of theology, in Los Gatos, Calif.

'57 Ed Rosi is the new principal at Central Elementary School in Hoquiam . . . Albert J. Zabel is now minister of music in Park Congregational Church, Elmira, N.Y. During the past few months he has had three compositions for organ and choir published . . . William M. Kendrick has accepted a position as vice president of Croft Educational Services, Inc., a corporation specializing in educational publications and consultant services with headquarters in New London, Conn. He has been director of curriculum and instructional services in the Evanston, Ill., School District. He and his wife Carol have three children, aged 11, 9 and 4.

'58 Mel Joy (attended '56-'58) has been transferred from Yakima to a new position as district sales manager for Pacific Power and Light Co. in Casper, Wyo.

'59 Pete Manos, Alexander School counselor, was granted a sabbatical leave from the Ferndale School District to seek a master’s degree at Western . . . John Albaugh received leave from North Bellingham School in the Ferndale District to do graduate work at WWSC next fall.

'60 Mr. and Mrs. Walter L. Burge (Yvonne C. Clarke) are living in San Jose, Calif., where he has recently been promoted to business systems manager with the General Electric Co. . . . Leroy D. Maxwell is superintendent at Highland School District in Yakima. He had been superintendent of LaConner School District in Skagit County.

'62 John R. Purvis (M.Ed., '64) is a doctoral candidate in education at the University of Texas. He is curriculum director of the Norman, Okla., Intermediate School District for 1969-70.

'63 Carroll Brown was named by the Snohomish School Board as principal of new Machias Elementary School which will open next fall. He has been principal of Riverview Elementary School.

'64 Captain James G. Sheppard recently received the Bronze Star Medal for meritorious service at Ubon Royal Thai AFB, Thailand. He was presented with the medal at Lakenheath RAFAF Station, England, where he now serves with a unit of the U.S. Air Force in Europe . . . Robert Holt is teaching math and coaching at Centennial High School in Portland, Or. His wife, the former Gloria Wastradowski ('66), taught third grade for two years in the Vancouver schools before the arrival of daughter Michelle Lynn on February 25, 1969 . . . Bryan V. Hearsey received the Ph.D. in mathematics this June from Washington State University. His thesis title is “On Extending Regularity and Other Topological Properties to Convergence Spaces.”

'65 Gary A. Laursen has been selected as one of six senior high school biology teachers to be awarded a National Science Foundation grant for studies terminating with an M.S. degree in teaching at the University of Montana’s Biological Station, the fourth largest in the U.S., on Yellow Bay of Flathead Lake. He will finish the program in the summer of 1970. His wife, the former Beth Dierken, is presently teaching in the Toppenish Headstart program . . . Keith Lingbloom was granted leave from Alexander School in Ferndale to do graduate work next year at Western.

IN MEMORIAM

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